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Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

2026 MIPS Promoting Interoperability Quick Start Guide

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Purpose: This resource focuses on the Promoting Interoperability performance category, providing high-level requirements about data collection and submission for the 2026 performance year for individual, group, virtual group, subgroups, and Alternative Payment Model (APM) Entity participation. Promoting Interoperability requirements are the same for all reporting options: traditional MIPS, the APM Performance Pathway (APP), and MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs).

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Overview

What is the Merit-based Incentive Payment System?

The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) is one way to participate in the Quality Payment Program (QPP). Under MIPS, we evaluate your performance across multiple performance categories that drive improved quality and value in our healthcare system.

If you're eligible for MIPS in **2026**:

- You have to report measure and activity data for the quality, improvement activities, and Promoting Interoperability performance categories.
  - Exceptions to these reporting requirements include your MIPS reporting option, special status, clinician type, extreme and uncontrollable circumstances or hardship exception. Detailed information will be available in the forthcoming 2026 Traditional MIPS Scoring Guide, 2026 APP Scoring Guide and 2026 MIPS Value Pathways Implementation Guide. These will be posted to the QPP Resource Library.
- We collect and calculate data for the cost performance category for you, if applicable.
  - Exceptions include your MIPS reporting option, participation option, extreme and uncontrollable circumstances and whether or not you meet case minimum for any cost measures.
- Your performance across the MIPS performance categories, each with a specific weight, will result in a MIPS final score of 0 to 100 points.
- Your MIPS final score will determine whether you receive a negative, neutral, or positive MIPS payment adjustment.
  - Positive payment adjustment for clinicians with a 2026 final score above 75.
  - Neutral payment adjustment for clinicians with a 2026 final score equal to 75.
  - Negative payment adjustment for clinicians with a 2026 final score below 75.
- Your MIPS payment adjustment is based on your performance during the 2026 performance year and applied to payments for your Medicare Part B-covered professional services beginning on January 1, 2028.

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To Learn More About MIPS Eligibility And Participation Options:

- Visit the How MIPS Eligibility is Determined and Participation Options Overview webpages on the Quality Payment Program website.
- Check your current participation status using the QPP Participation Status Tool.

What is the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (Continued)

There are **3 reporting options** available to MIPS eligible clinicians to meet MIPS reporting requirements:

Traditional MIPS	MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs)	APM Performance Pathway (APP)
• The original reporting option for MIPS. • Visit the Traditional MIPS Overview webpage to learn more.	• The newest reporting option, offering clinicians a more meaningful and reduced grouping of measures and activities relevant to a specialty or medical condition. • Visit the MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs) webpage to learn more.	• A streamlined reporting option for **clinicians who participate in a MIPS Alternative Payment Model (APM).** • Visit the APM Performance Pathway webpage to learn more.
• You select the quality measures and improvement activities that you'll collect and report from all of the quality measures and improvement activities finalized for MIPS.	• You select an MVP that's applicable to your practice. • Then you choose from the quality measures and improvement activities available in your selected MVP. • You'll report a reduced number of quality measures and improvement activities as compared to traditional MIPS.	• You'll report a predetermined set of quality measures. • MIPS APM participants currently receive full credit in the improvement activities performance category, though this is evaluated on an annual basis.
• You'll report the complete MIPS Promoting Interoperability measure set.	• You'll report the complete MIPS Promoting Interoperability measure set (the same as reported in traditional MIPS).	• You'll report the complete MIPS Promoting Interoperability measure set (the same as reported in traditional MIPS).
• We collect and calculate data for the cost performance category for you.	• We collect and calculate data for the cost performance category and population health measures for you.	• Cost isn't evaluated under the APP.

What is the MIPS Promoting Interoperability Performance Category?

Interoperability, or the use of technology to exchange and make use of information, makes communicating patient information less burdensome and improves outcomes. The MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category emphasizes the electronic exchange of health information using certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) to improve:

- Patient access to their health information;
- The exchange of information between clinicians and pharmacies; and
- The systematic collection, analysis, and interpretation of healthcare data.

The MIPS performance categories have different "weights" and the scores from each of the performance categories are added together to give you a MIPS final score.

Individual, Group, Subgroup,* and Virtual Group** Participation

Traditional MIPS and MVP Performance Category Weights in 2026:

Quality	Cost	Improvement Activities	Promoting Interoperability
			
30% of MIPS Score	30% of MIPS Score	15% of MIPS Score	25% of MIPS Score

*Available for MVP reporting only.
**Available for traditional MIPS reporting only.

MIPS APM Entity Participation

Traditional MIPS and MVP Performance Category Weights in 2026:

Quality	Cost	Improvement Activities	Promoting Interoperability
			
55% of MIPS Score	0% of MIPS Score	15% of MIPS Score	30% of MIPS Score

MIPS APM participants may also choose to report the APM Performance Pathway (APP). Please reference the APP performance category weight slide in this guide.

Standard Weighting for Small Practices

(MIPS Promoting Interoperability Automatically Reweighted)

Traditional MIPS and MVP Performance Category Weights in 2026:

Quality	Cost	Improvement Activities	Promoting Interoperability
			
40% of MIPS Score	30% of MIPS Score	30% of MIPS Score	0% of MIPS Score

Individual, Group, and APM Entity Participation

APM Performance Pathway (APP) Performance Category Weights in 2026:

Quality	Cost	Improvement Activities	Promoting Interoperability
			
50% of MIPS Score	0% of MIPS Score	20% of MIPS Score	30% of MIPS Score

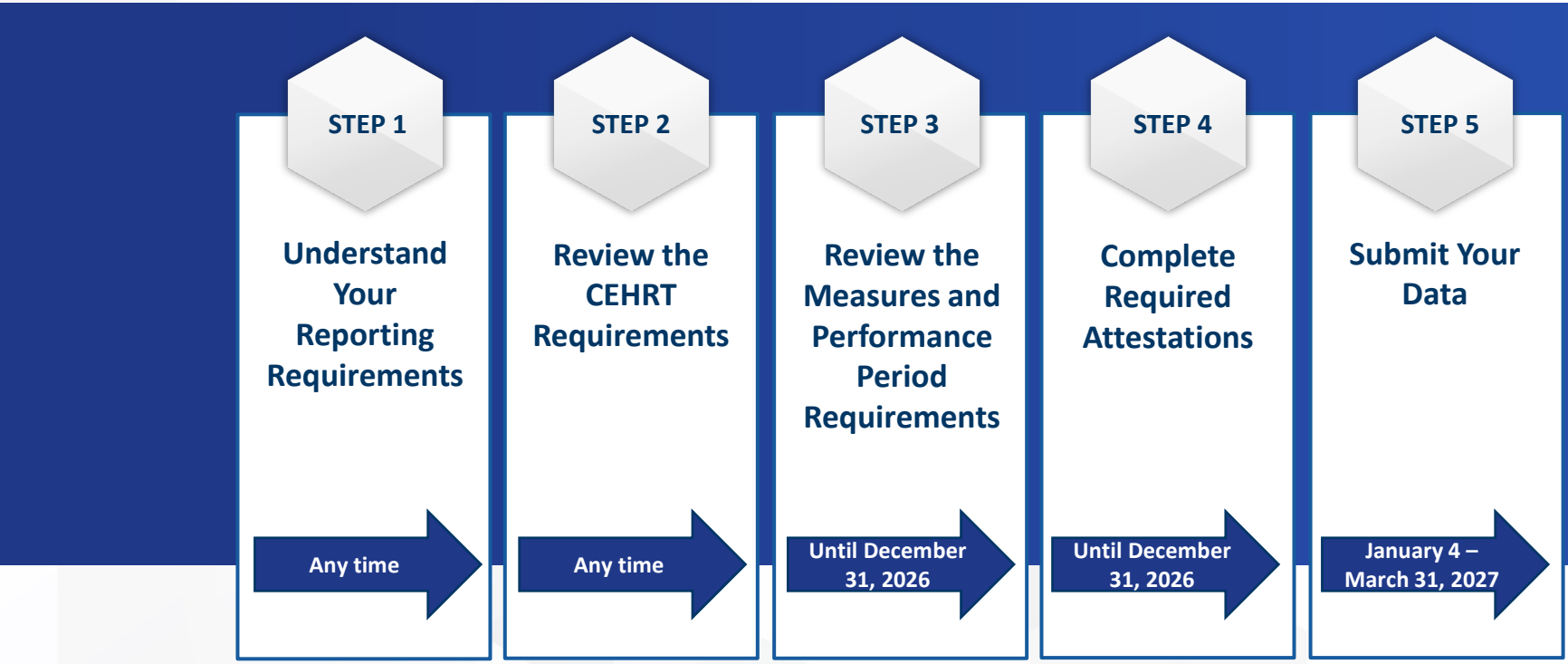
For additional information about the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category under the APP, please refer to the Promoting Interoperability: APP Requirements webpage, MIPS Promoting Interoperability Performance Category CEHRT Frequently Asked Questions, and the 2026 APP Toolkit (ZIP), which will be available in the Quality Payment Program Resource Library later in 2026.

What's New with MIPS Promoting Interoperability in 2026?

1. We modified the following two measures under the Protect Patient Health Information objective.
   - The **Security Risk Analysis measure** was modified to include a second attestation component. In addition to the existing requirement for MIPS eligible clinicians to attest "Yes" or "No" to having conducted or reviewed a security risk analysis in accordance with the HIPAA Security Rule, **clinicians must now also attest "Yes" or "No" to having conducted security risk management activities as required under the risk management component of the HIPAA Security Rule.** The measure remains required and a "No" response for the measure will continue to result in a total score of zero points for the Promoting Interoperability performance category.
   - The **High Priority Practices Safety Assurance Factors for Electronic Health Record (EHR) Resilience (SAFER) Guide measure** was modified to require the use of the **2025 Hight Priority Practices SAFER Guide**. The measure remains required. A MIPS eligible clinician will attest "Yes" or "No" to completing an annual self-assessment using the High Priority Practices Guide within the 2025 SAFER Guides. A "No" response for the measure will continue to result in a total score of zero points for the Promoting Interoperability performance category.
2. We modified the Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective by adopting a **new optional bonus measure: the Public Health Reporting Using the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement™ (TEFCA™)** measure.
3. We've adopted a measure suppression policy for the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category that allows CMS to address future potential circumstances that would warrant the necessity to suppress a MIPS Promoting Interoperability measure from performance. **An identified suppressed measure must be reported** to receive the maximum available points for a measure or full credit for a measure.

Get Started with MIPS Promoting Interoperability in 5 Steps

Overview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Step 1. Understand Your Reporting Requirements

Certain MIPS eligible clinicians and groups aren't required to report data for the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category.

- In this case, this performance category weight (or contribution to your final score) is redistributed to another performance category (or categories) unless you choose to submit data.
- MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, virtual groups, and subgroups that qualify for reweighting will be scored in this performance category if they submit qualifying MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category data.

Helpful Reminders: When participating in MIPS at the APM Entity level, APM Entities can choose to report MIPS Promoting Interoperability data at the APM Entity level. However, APM Entities still have the option to report this performance category at the individual and group level.

You can't combine performance data submitted between different reporting options (e.g., traditional MIPS and MVPs) or submit performance data for one performance category and count it for both reporting options.

For example, MIPS Promoting Interoperability data can't be reported for traditional MIPS and count towards the MIPS Promoting Interoperability category for an MVP. The MIPS Promoting Interoperability data may be the same; however, there must be 2 separate submissions: one for traditional MIPS and one for MVP reporting (with the appropriate MVP identifier, and subgroup identifier if applicable).

Applicable to MVPs Only: If you're reporting an MVP as a subgroup, you'll submit your affiliated group's data for the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category.

Step 1. Understand Your Reporting Requirements (Continued)

To confirm your special status, follow the instructions below:

Individual

Participating as an individual?

Check the QPP Participation Status Tool or sign in to the QPP website for any special statuses assigned at the Clinician Level.

Group

Participating as a group?

Check the QPP Participation Status Tool or sign in to the QPP website for any special statuses assigned at the Practice Level.

Virtual Group**

Participating as a virtual group?

Sign in to the QPP website to check for any special statuses assigned to the virtual group.

Subgroup*

Participating as a subgroup?

You inherit your affiliated group's special status.
Check the QPP Participation Status Tool or sign in to the QPP website for any special statuses assigned at the Practice Level.

APM Entity

Participating as an APM Entity?

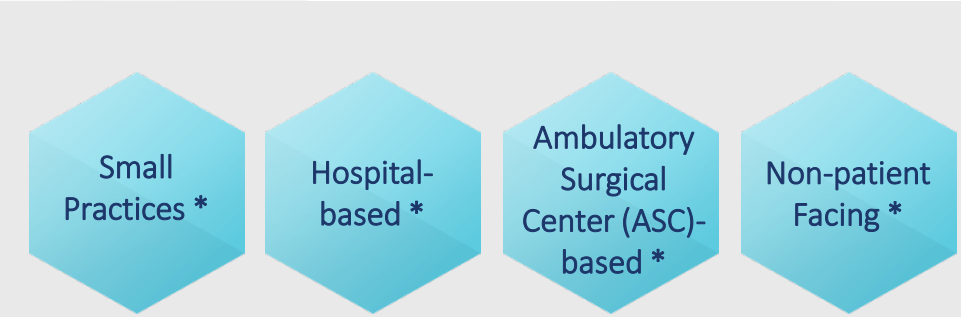
Sign in to the QPP website to check if the small status was assigned to the APM Entity. Small status designation for APM Entities will be available in mid-2026.

*Available for MVP reporting only.
**Available for traditional MIPS reporting only.

Step 1. Understand Your Reporting Requirements (Continued)

The graphic below outlines the special statuses that have the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category automatically reweighted to 0%, which means that a data submission for the MIPS Promoting Interoperability is not required.

If a MIPS eligible clinician, group, virtual group, or APM Entity has one of the following special statuses,* they're automatically exempted from having to submit data for this performance category.



Action Required:
If you're not automatically reweighted, you may submit a 2026 MIPS Promoting Interoperability Performance Category Hardship Exception application by December 31, **2026**. (Your application must be approved by CMS to qualify for reweighting.)

However, a qualifying data submission will **void a hardship exception and cancel automatic reweighting**, and you'll be scored for this performance category. A qualifying submission includes all required performance data, required attestation statements, CEHRT ID, and the start and end date for the performance period.
You qualify for a MIPS Promoting Interoperability Performance Category Hardship Exception when you:

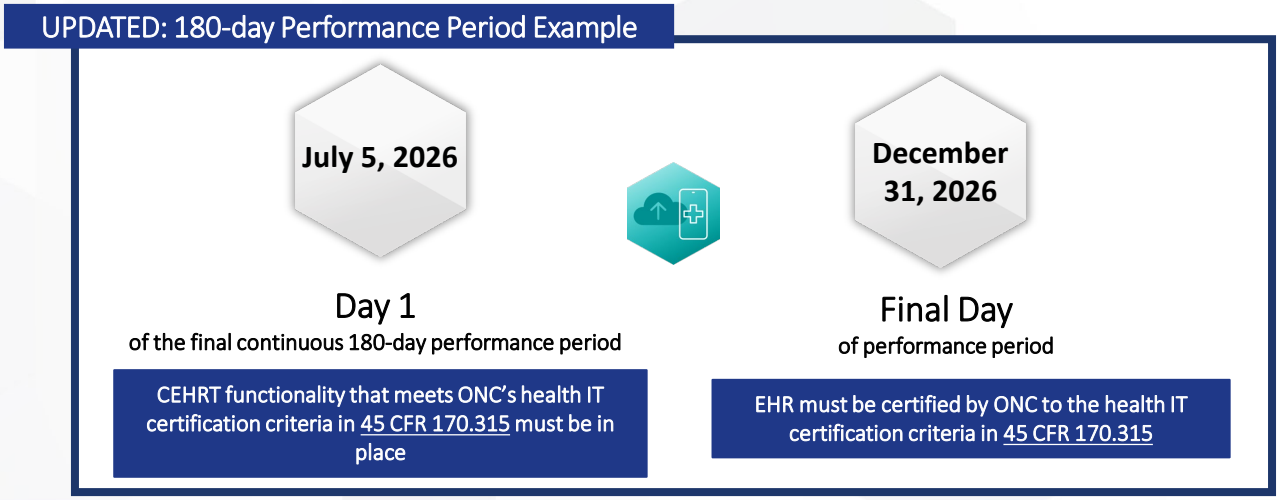
- Have decertified EHR technology (decertified under the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) Health IT Certification Program)
- Have insufficient internet connectivity
- Face extreme and uncontrollable circumstances such as disaster, practice closure, severe financial distress, or vendor issues
- Lack control over availability of CEHRT

Step 2. Review the CEHRT Requirements

To meet the CEHRT requirements for 2026 MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category objective and measure reporting, you'll need to:

- Have CEHRT **functionality** that meets ONC's health IT certification criteria in 45 CFR 170.315 in place by **the first day of your MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance period;**
- Have your EHR **certified by ONC** to the health IT certification criteria in 45 CFR 170.315 by the **last day of your performance period**; and
- Provide your CMS EHR Certification ID from the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL), when you submit your data.

If you're not sure if your EHR is meeting the certification criteria, work with your practice's technology support team or contact your EHR vendor to verify that your system is on track to meet CEHRT requirements by the last day of your performance period.



Step 3. Review the Measures and Performance Period Requirements

The 2026 MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category focuses on the following objectives:

- Electronic Prescribing
- Health Information Exchange (HIE)
- Provider to Patient Exchange
- Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange
- Protect Patient Health Information

Within these objectives, **there are 6 to 7 required measures** (dependent upon which measure(s) you choose to report for the HIE objective) in addition to required attestations.

Some of these measures have exclusions; if you qualify, you can claim (submit) the exclusion instead of reporting the measure. See the Appendix for a list of measures under each objective and applicable exclusions.

- You must collect data for all required measures (unless you can claim an exclusion(s)) for the same **minimum continuous 180-day period in CY 2026.**
- The last 180-day performance period begins on **July 5, 2026.**

Reminder: For the HIE objective, you have the option to report data for **one** of the following options:

1. Support Electronic Referral Loops by Sending Health Information measure and Support Electronic Referral Loops by Receiving and Reconciling Health Information measure; **OR** HIE Bi-Directional Exchange measure; **OR**
2. Enabling Exchange under TEFCA measure.

Step 4. Complete Required Attestations

Step 4a.
Conduct or Review a Security Risk Analysis

You must complete both components of the Security Risk Analysis measure **on an annual basis within the calendar year of the performance period. A "Yes" response is required for both components. A "No" response won't satisfy this measure.**

1. Conduct or review a security risk analysis on your CEHRT functionality (that meets ONC's health IT certification criteria in 45 CFR 170.315).
    - **For example, if you have your CEHRT functionality that meets ONC's health IT certification criteria in place on January 1, 2026, you can perform your security risk assessment on March 1, 2026, and select a 180-day performance period of July 5, 2026 – December 31, 2026.**
2. Implement security risk management to sufficiently reduce risks and vulnerabilities as required under the HIPAA Security Rule (see 45 CFR 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B)).

Additional guidance on conducting a security risk analysis and security risk management is available on the Health Information Privacy webpage on HHS.gov.

Step 4b.
Complete an Annual Assessment Using the 2025 High Priority Practices SAFER Guide (from the 2025 SAFER Guides)

You must conduct an annual self-assessment **within the calendar year of the performance period** using the 2025 High Priority Practices Guide (a part of the 2025 SAFER Guides).

- To complete the self-assessment, you must complete a review and mark the associated checkboxes (fully implemented, substantial progress, halfway there, making progress, or not implemented) of recommended practices located at the beginning of the Guide.
- Detailed worksheets with the rationale, and examples of how to implement each recommended practices follows the checklist section of the Guide.
    - These worksheets include likely sources of information that your practice may reference to complete your assessment of a recommended practice, as well as fillable note fields to record follow-up actions.
- A "Yes" response is required. A "No" response won't satisfy this measure.

Additional guidance on completing the self-assessment is available on the SAFER Guides webpage on HealthIT.gov.

Step 4. Complete Required Attestations (Continued)

Step 4c.
Complete the Actions to Limit or Restrict Interoperability of CEHRT Attestation

The below attestation statement aims to identify whether you or your health IT vendor acted in good faith and took necessary steps to prevent limiting or restricting the compatibility or interoperability of CEHRT.

- To complete this attestation, you will attest to the statement by entering a "Yes" (certify that you acted in good faith when implementing and using your CEHRT to exchange electronic health information) or "No" (you don't certify that you acted in good faith when implementing and using your CEHRT to exchange electronic health information) response.

Failure to attest "Yes" to the attestation statement will result in a score of zero for the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category:

- I (A) did not knowingly and willfully take action (such as to disable functionality) to limit or restrict the compatibility or interoperability of certified EHR technology. (B) Implemented technologies, standards, policies, practices, and agreements reasonably calculated to ensure, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, that the certified EHR technology was, at all relevant times: (1) Connected in accordance with applicable law; (2) Compliant with all standards applicable to the exchange of information, including the standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria adopted at 45 CFR part 170; (3) Implemented in a manner that allowed for timely access by patients to their electronic health information; and (4) Implemented in a manner that allowed for the timely, secure, and trusted bi-directional exchange of structured electronic health information with other health care providers (as defined by 42 U.S.C. 300jj(3)), including unaffiliated health care providers, and with disparate certified EHR technology and vendors. (C) Responded in good faith and in a timely manner to requests to retrieve or exchange electronic health information, including from patients, health care providers (as defined by 42 U.S.C. 300jj(3)), and other persons, regardless of the requestor's affiliation or technology vendor.

Step 4. Complete Required Attestations (Continued)

Step 4d.
ONC Direct Review Attestation

To complete the attestation, you must attest "Yes" to the following statement:

- I (1) Acknowledge the requirement to cooperate in good faith with ONC direct review of his or her health information technology certified under the ONC Health IT Certification Program if a request to assist in ONC direct review is received; and (2) If requested, cooperated in good faith with ONC direct review of his or her health information technology certified under the ONC Health IT Certification Program as authorized by 45 CFR part 170, subpart E, to the extent that such technology meets (or can be used to meet) the definition of CEHRT, including by permitting timely access to such technology and demonstrating its capabilities as implemented and used by the MIPS eligible clinician in the field.

Note: Failure to attest "Yes" to the attestation statements will result in a score of zero for the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category

Step 5. Submit Your Data

You'll need to report the required MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category data during the 2026 submission period (1/4/2027 – 3/31/2027).

Did You Know?

- If your practice has several EHRs and not all are certified to ONC's health IT certification criteria in 45 CFR 170.315, you'll **submit only the data collected in CEHRT with functionality that meets ONC's certification criteria.**
- If your practice is participating as a group or virtual group:
  - You'll aggregate the measure numerators and denominators for all MIPS eligible clinicians with data in your **CEHRT that meets the ONC Certification Criteria for Health IT (45 CFR 170.315).**
  - You can submit a "Yes" response for the 2 required measures in the Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective if one MIPS eligible clinician is in active engagement with each registry.
- If your practice is participating as a subgroup:
  - You'll **submit the aggregated data of the affiliated group.**

Important Reminder for MVPs:

- Each MVP submission must include the related MVP ID, signaling your intent to report the MIPS Promoting Interoperability data for your selected MVP. **Any data submitted without the necessary MVP ID will be attributed to traditional MIPS instead of the MVP**.
- If participating as a subgroup, you'll also need to include the subgroup identifier given to you by CMS for your MVP submission.

Step 5. Submit Your Data (Continued)

Did You Know?

The level at which you participate in MIPS (individual, group, subgroup, or virtual group) applies to all performance categories. **We won't combine data submitted at the individual, group, subgroup (submits the affiliated group's aggregated data), and /or virtual group level into a single final.** There is one exception to this rule, which is only applicable to APM Entities as noted below. **For example:**

- If you submit any data as an individual, you will be evaluated for all performance categories as an individual.
- If your practice submits any data as a group, you will be evaluated for all performance categories as a group.
- If data is submitted both as an individual and a group, you will be evaluated as an individual and as a group for all performance categories, but your payment adjustment will be based on the higher score.

- **Exception:**
  - When participating as an APM Entity, the APM Entity will submit quality measures (and improvement activities if reporting traditional MIPS or an MVP). MIPS eligible clinicians in the APM Entity may submit MIPS Promoting Interoperability data as individuals or as a group and we'll calculate an average score for this performance category. However, APM Entities also have the option to choose to report MIPS Promoting Interoperability data at the APM Entity level.

Note:

- You can't combine performance data submitted between different reporting options (e.g., traditional MIPS and MVPs) into a single final score or submit performance data for one performance category and count it for both reporting options.
- For example, if your group is reporting both traditional MIPS and an MVP (as a subgroup), the group would need to submit MIPS Promoting Interoperability data for traditional MIPS and then separately submit your affiliated group's MIPS Promoting Interoperability data for their selected MVP (as a subgroup). This is required even if you're submitting the same MIPS Promoting Interoperability data for both traditional MIPS and MVP reporting.

Step 5. Submit Your Data (Continued)

To submit data, you or your third-party representative will need QPP credentials and authorization. See the Quality Payment Program Access User Guide (ZIP, 4MB) for more information.

There are **3 ways to submit** your MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category data:

You	You or a Third Party	Third Party
Sign in to the QPP website and **attest to (manually enter)** your information.	Sign in to the QPP website and **upload a file** with your data.	Perform a direct submission on your behalf, using our **submissions Application Programming Interface (API).**

Important Note: When there are multiple MIPS Promoting Interoperability data submissions for an individual, group, subgroup (submits the affiliated group's aggregated data), virtual group, or APM Entity, we'll score each submission and assign the highest of scores.

You don't need to include supporting documentation when you attest to your MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category data, but **you must keep documentation for 6 years** after submission.

Documentation guidance for each measure and attestation will be available in early 2026 in the Quality Payment Program Resource Library as part of the 2026 MIPS Data Validation Criteria. We suggest reviewing this validation document to ensure you document your work appropriately.

Step 5. Submit Your Data (Continued)

If the following reporting and submission requirements aren't met, you'll get a **zero** for your MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category score:

- Collect your data in CEHRT with the functionality that meets the ONC Certification Criteria for Health IT (45 CFR 170.315) (certified by the last day of the performance period) for a minimum of any continuous 180-day period in 2026;
- Submit a "Yes" response for the Actions to Limit or Restrict Interoperability of CEHRT attestation (formerly named Prevention of Information Blocking);
- Submit a "Yes" **response for completing an annual self-assessment as required under** the High Priority Practices SAFER Guide measure. Additional information is available on the 2025 SAFER Guides webpage on HealthIT.gov;
- Submit a "Yes" **response for** the ONC Direct Review attestation;
- Submit a "Yes" **response for conducting** both components of the Security Risk Analysis measure in 2026;
- Report the 6 to 7 required measures or claim their exclusion(s), if available and applicable; and
  - For measures that require a numerator and denominator (as defined in the measure specifications), you must submit at least a "1" in the numerator;
- Submit your level of active engagement for the Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange measures you're reporting; and
- Provide your CMS EHR Certification ID from the Certified Health IT product List (CHPL), available on HealthIT.gov.

Help and Version History

Need Assistance?

Contact the Quality Payment Program (QPP) Service Center by emailing QPP@cms.hhs.gov, creating a QPP Service Center ticket, or calling 1-866-288-8292 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET). Please consider calling during non-peak hours, before 10 a.m. and after 2 p.m. ET.

People who are hearing impaired can dial 711 to be connected to a TRS Communications Assistant.

Visit the Quality Payment Program website for other help and support information, to learn more about MIPS, and to check out the resources available in the Quality Payment Program Resource Library.

Visit the Small Practices page of the Quality Payment Program website where you can **sign up for the monthly QPP Small Practices Newsletter** and find resources and information relevant for small practices.

Version History

If we need to update this document, changes will be identified here.

Date	Description
01/02/2026	Original version.

Appendix

MIPS Promoting Interoperability Objectives and Measures

The table below outlines the 2026 objectives, measures, and available exclusions. Complete MIPS Promoting Interoperability measure specifications are available in the Quality Payment Program Resource Library. The **2026 MIPS Data Validation Criteria**, available in early **2026** in the Quality Payment Program Resource Library, will include the MIPS Promoting Interoperability documentation requirements for reporting measures and claiming exclusions.

Objectives	Measures		Measure Exclusions (If you meet the criteria below, you can claim an exclusion instead of reporting the measure)	Available Points (based on performance)
Electronic Prescribing	e-Prescribing		Any MIPS eligible clinician who writes fewer than 100 permissible prescriptions during the performance period.	1 – 10 points
	Query of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)		(1) Any MIPS eligible clinician who is unable to electronically prescribe Schedule II opioids and Schedule III and IV drugs in accordance with applicable law during the performance period; or (2) Any MIPS eligible clinician who does not electronically prescribe any Schedule II opioids or Schedule III or IV drugs during the performance period.	10 points
Health Information Exchange	Option 1	Support Electronic Referral Loops by Sending Health Information	Any MIPS eligible clinician who transfers a patient to another setting or refers a patient fewer than 100 times during the performance period.	1 – 15 points
		Support Electronic Referral Loops by Receiving and Reconciling Health Information	Any MIPS eligible clinician who receives transitions of care or referrals or has patient encounters in which the MIPS eligible clinician has never before encountered the patient fewer than 100 times during the performance period.	1 – 15 points
	Option 2	HIE Bi-Directional Exchange	No exclusion available	30 points
	Option 3	Enabling Exchange under TEFCA	No exclusion available	30 points

Did You Know? If you claim an exclusion for the e-Prescribing measure, you will need to claim one of the Query of PDMP exclusions that is most applicable to you.

MIPS Promoting Interoperability Objectives and Measures (continued)

Objectives	Measures	Measure Exclusions (If you meet the criteria below, you can claim an exclusion instead of reporting the measure)	Available Points (based on performance)
Provider to Patient Exchange	Provide Patients Electronic Access to Their Health Information	No exclusion available	1 – 25 points
Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange	Report to the following public health or clinical data registries: 1. Immunization Registry Reporting 2. Electronic Case Reporting	Each of these measures has their own exclusions; please refer to the 2026 Promoting Interoperability Measure Specifications (ZIP, 4MB) for the exact exclusion criteria for each measure. Generally speaking, the exclusions are based on the following criteria: • Doesn't diagnose or directly treat any disease or condition associated with an agency/registry in their jurisdiction during the performance period. • Operates in a jurisdiction for which no agency/registry is capable of accepting electronic registry transactions in the specific standards required to meet the CEHRT definition at the start of the performance period. • Operates in a jurisdiction where no agency/registry for which the MIPS eligible clinician is eligible has declared readiness to receive electronic registry transactions as of 6 months prior to the start of the performance period.	25 points for the objective
	Option to report one of the following public health agency or clinical data registry measures: • Public Health Registry Reporting, OR • Clinical Data Registry Reporting, OR • Syndromic Surveillance Reporting OR • Public Health Reporting Using TEFCA	Optional measures (no exclusions available)	5 bonus points